**Angol nyelv-vetélkedő/English Language Competition**

**Országos döntő/National finals**

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**PART I. USE OF ENGLISH**

1. For questions **1-10**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap. **(10 points)**

**THE CHANGING EARTH**

Although the earth was formed about 4,500 million years ago, human beings have inhabitedit for less than half a million years. Within this time, population has increased hugely and people have had a vast **(1)** .......... upon the earth. They have long been able to **(2)** ……... the forces of nature to use. Now, with modern technology, they have the power to alter the balance of life on earth.

Reports back from the first astronauts helped dispel the dangerous **(3)** ……….that the world had no boundaries and had limitless resources. **(4)** ………**.**, ecologists have shown that all forms of life on earth are interconnected, so it **(5)** ………. that all human activity has an effect on the natural environment.

In recent years, people have been putting the environment under stress. As a result, certain **(6)** ............ materials such as timber, water and minerals are beginning to **(7)** ………….short. Pollution and the **(8)** ........... of waste are already critical issues, and the **(9)** ………….of the environment is fast becoming the most pressing problem **(10)** ……….us all. The way we respond to the challenge will have a profound effect on the earth and its life support systems.

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| **1 A** imprint | **B** indication | **C** | impression | **D** | impact |
| **2 A** put | **B** make | **C** | place | **D** | stand |
| **3 A** judgement | **B** notion | **C** | reflection | **D** | concept |
| **4 A** However | **B** Likewise | **C** | Moreover | **D** | Otherwise |
| **5 A** results | **B** follows | **C** | complies | **D** | develops |
| **6 A** raw | **B** coarse | **C** | crude | **D** | rough |
| 7 **A** tum | **B** come | **C** | go | **D** | run |
| **8 A** disposal | **B** displacement | **C** | dismissal | **D** | disposition |
| **9 A** state | **B** situation | **C** | case | **D** | circumstance |
| **10 A** encountering | **B** opposing | **C** | meeting | **D** | confronting |
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1. For questions **1-10,** read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap.

**(10 points)**

**FINDING THE RIGHT WORD**

A recent study has suggested an answer to a question that has preoccupied philosophers for centuries: Do people need words in order to think? A tribe living in the Amazon basin could provide the answer. The Pirahã tribe **(1)** ………be small - there are only about 200 members all told – **(2)** ………. they exhibit a fascinating cultural peculiarity. These people have no words for numbers, (**3**) ……… from 'one', 'two' and 'many'. What is more, **(4)** ……… words for 'one' and 'two' are very similar. As **(5)** ........ as anyone can tell, this tribe has never had any sort of vocabulary for numbers, but they appear to survive quite well without it.

It was soon realised that these people might supply an insight intothe way our minds work. Studies have shown that adult members of the tribe are no **(6)** ……….at counting than a baby is at speaking. **(7)** ………. they were shown a row of objects and asked to duplicate the number they saw, they could not get beyond two or three before starting to make mistakes.

So it looks **(8)** ………. though the Pirahã are not very good at counting simply because they **(9)** ………. not have a vocabulary for numbers. This would suggest that human beings in general cannot think if they have no words to do **(10)** ……….. .

1. For questions **1 -10**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**.

**(10 points)**

# COMMUNITY CENTRE SUMMER EVENTS

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| June 3rd sees the opening of an incredible exhibitionof photographs by professional photographer and local **(1)** ............................, John Taylor. In the 50 years that John has been taking photographs, he has amassed a **(2)** ...................................... fascinating record of village life. The show is **(3)** ............................ *History Through the Lens* and includes nostalgic portraits of local people and hypnotic images of the landscape. There is also a section on **(4)** ......................important events which is equally fascinating.  Another upcoming event is a book reading by author Maria Treadway. You may know Maria as a children's writer, but over the last three years she has **(5)** .......................into adult fiction. Her novels, all set in the 17th century, are both entertaining and highly **(6)** .................................... **.** Maria has often admitted in the past to being a **(7)** ............................ and she carries out extensive research before she writes. On June 9th, she will be reading from her latest novel The Last Key, which is **(8)** ...................... her best work to date.  This is a really **(9)** ......................... evening so be sure to book well in advance.  **(10)** ........................... to both events is $10 for adults and free for pensioners. | **RESIDE**  **VISION**  **TITLE**  **HISTORY**  **DIVERSE**  **INFORM**  **PERFECT**  **ARGUE**  **MISS**  **ADMIT** |

1. Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **DO NOT CHANGE** the word given. You must use between **three** and **six words**, including the word given. **(20 points)**

1. I thought Sue's original plan was to move to Australia.

**IMPRESSION**

I…………………………………………… was originally planning to move to Australia.

1. Mr. Smith was well-known as a bad-tempered man, but he was also fair. **REPUTATION**

Despite ………………………………………………. bad-tempered, Mr. Smith was also fair.

1. Signing the contract without the director's approval is not allowed. **CIRCUMSTANCES**

Under …………………………………… sign the contract without the director's approval.

1. It looks like you didn't sleep well last night.

**IF**

You look …………………………………………………………………. much sleep last night.

1. I don't believe that Jane ran that distance in only five minutes!

**POSSIBLY**

Jane …………………………………………………………. that distance in only five minutes!

1. Simon doesn't agree with me about which slogan is best for the campaign.

**DIFFERENCE**

Simon ………………………………. opinion over which slogan is best for the campaign.

1. Jane's lawyer suggested that she ignored all the reporters.

**ATTENTION**

Jane's lawyer advised ……………………………….…………………………. all the reporters.

1. I doubt that Simon will lend us the money.

**CHANCE**

I think …………………………………………..…………………. Simon lending the money to us.

1. There is a strong possibility that this species of rhino will become extinct.

**DANGER**

This species of rhino is …………………………………………………..…………………. extinct.

1. As he continued to listen to the speech, Richard became increasingly sleepy. **SLEEPIER**

The more Richard listened to the speech, ……………………………...………..…… became.

**PART II. WRITING**

1. **REVIEW**

Write a review of a book or a film that focuses on somebody who has made an important contribution to society. Did you learn anything new about the person’s life from the book or film? Did the book or film help you understand why this person made their important contribution?

Write your review in **180-240 words**.

**(50 points)**